

Iggy

Pop





Description:

Iggy Pop is an old man with long straight hair dyed in blonde (originally black) and grey eyes. He was well build, but now he has 63 years old he looks a bit fluffy. He's still thin though, with a skinny face with dimples. The most distinguishing feature is that his veins are really visible (when he exposes his chest on all of his performances).

About his personallity we can say that his attitude is politicaly incorrect, he's nuts! Just like many other rock stars, in the next slides we will see why.



Background:

Iggy Pop (artistic name)

- Real name:
James Newell Osterberg Jr.
- He was born in:
Muskegon (Michigan)
on April 21, 1947.
- He started his career when he was in highschool, as a drummer in a group called “The Iguanas”. Later he started to call himself Iggy.



Background:



- He was a big fan of blues.
- When he was at the University he skipped lessons sometimes and went to Chicago to learn more about blues.
- At the same age he saw Jim Morrison (The Doors) in a performance at the University of Michigan in 1967, who inspired Iggy for his stage performances (Morrison had an extreme behavior, and Iggy was amazed by his antics on stage).
- He formed “The Psychedelic Stooges” later dubbed “Iggy & The Stooges”.

Background:

- Iggy Pop & The Stooges:

Their first debut was an album called “The Stooges” (1968), then “Fun House”. Both of them without repercussion in the sales charts. (but those two were the main influence for a new nascent style: Punk).

“Raw Power” (3rd album) was a landmark boosted by the relationship with David Bowie (but was edited out of Iggy's reach). The band broke up a few times due their addiction to heroin.



Most interesting facts:



Top: Iggy jumping from stage.

Right: group of fans elevating Iggy among the crowd.

- Iggy Pop was the first performer to do a stage-dive.

So he invented “stage diving”
and “crowd surfing”



Most interesting facts:



- Iggy pushed the boundaries of stage performance by doing all sort of weird things like:
 - rolling arround in broken glass.
 - taking a bow backwards.

- spreading peanut butter over his chest.
- exposing himself to the crowd.
- He is considered an influential innovator of styles of rock music.



Most interesting facts:

- Thanks to him new styles of music were created and those styles were very influent for many years: protopunk, garage rock, hard rock and punk rock.
- In March 2010 the Stooges and Iggy Pop were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

